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Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing out of deep fear and concern about the overuse of antibiotics that is resulting in the appearance of more and more antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria. This will cause the deaths of many people, at the least, and could cause a terrible epidemic, at the worst.

I understand that the use of antibiotics in animal feed in order to promote growth in the animals is one part of the problem. This use of antibiotics can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics.

I therefore urge you to support the petition filed by the Center for Science in the Public Interest and ban the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Thank you for your time and attention in reading and considering this letter.

Sincerely,
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